

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 10464

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, EEWT, CH, KN, JA

SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN DEBT SERVICING

REF: A) PEKING 1391 B) TOKYO 9802

1. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE NORTH ASIA  
DIRECTOR SATO, NORTH KOREA HAS REPAYED \$10 MILLION (NOT \$15  
MILLION WORTH OF OVERDUE OBLIGATIONS TO JAPANESE FIRMS. SATO ASSUMES  
THE  
MONEY WAS RAISED BY SHORT TERM BORROWING FROM WESTERN BANKS.  
HE HAS NOT HEARD THAT THE MONEY WAS PROVIDED BY THE  
CHINESE. HE ALSO DOES NOT REGARD THE PAYMENTS AS A SIGN  
THAT NORTH KOREA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION HAS IMPROVED.

2. COMMENT: PAYMENT MAY CONSTITUTE PART OF SETTLEMENT THAT  
LDP MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA SAID HAD BEEN PROMISED BY END OF JULY  
DURING HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS.  
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